

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Please consider the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Petition for Extension of Time.

Please consider the accompanying Supplemental IDS.

Original claim 1-14 were previously cancelled. Previously presented claims 15-28 stand rejected. New claims 29 – 35 are added by this Amendment. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application are hereby respectfully requested.

In the Specification:

The Abstract is objected to due to informalities including legal phraseology. An amended Abstract is submitted herein.

In the Claims:

Claims 19 and 26 are objected to because of informalities. Claims 19 and 26 are amended herein to cure the identified informality.

Claims 15-28 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by US 5,273,120 to Chang. According to the Examiner, Chang '120 discloses a handle, a first handle connecting member, and a not parallel second handle connecting member.

In Chang '120, however, the first handle connecting member (13 - on the right hand side) and the second handle connecting member (13 – on the left hand side) connect two different handles (the right and left side handles) to the tool housing. Therefore, in order to distinguish the subject claims over Chang '120, independent claims 15 and 22 are currently amended to further require that “the handle is connected to the power tool housing via the first handle connecting member and the second handle connecting member.” Thus amended, Applicants believe claims 15 – 28 are novel and allowable.

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Consideration of new claims 29 – 35 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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